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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
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Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I write today to give my support to the settlement that was reached between Microsoft and the U.S.Department of Justice. This settlement is fair for all parties involved, and the remaining states should settle instead of pursuing litigation against Microsoft.

Microsoft has agreed to license its Windows to the twenty largest computer makers on identical terms and conditions, including price. These are heavy hitters of the IT industry, and they will now be able to collectively leverage an extreme amount of power against Microsoft. Also, Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against software or hardware developers who develop or promote software that competes with Windows or that runs on software that competes with Windows.

I urge that no further action be taken against Microsoft on the federal level, and the settlement be accepted by the Justice Department. This settlement is strong enough for any reasonable person.

Sincerely,

Joe Yarbrough

cc: Representative Spencer Bachus